11-30 a.m. Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"Will the Government be pleased to place a copy of the report on the table of the House, when it is obtained for the information of hon. Members?

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"The suggestion will be considered."

Orders of Government regarding Rajakkamangalam tank and channel in the Tinnevelly district.

* 206 *Q.*—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what orders, if any, have been passed on the report called for by the Government in reference to the Rajakkamangalam tank and channel in the Tinnevelly district as per answer to interpellation No. 480, dated 24th January 1933?

A.—A copy of the Collector's report on the subject, dated 13th March 1933, is attached.[a] The Chief Engineer has been asked to have the orders regarding the transfer of the tank and channel to the Public Works Department expedited. No other orders of Government are required in the matter.

Land Revenue Administration

Number of villages in Salem district affected by the Mettur dam.

* 207 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Mettur dam is likely to be finished;

(*b*) what the extent of the submerged area is in the Salem district by the Mettur reservoir;

(*c*) how many villages in the Salem district have been ordered to be vacated on account of this dam; and

(*d*) how many people in the Salem district were rendered homeless by means of this dam?

A.—(*a*) In June 1934.

(*b*) The area which will be actually submerged in Salem district when the completed Mettur reservoir is full is not known, but it is estimated at about 25 square miles.

(*c*) Twenty-five hamlets.

(*d*) One thousand four hundred and ninety-six houses were acquired in the Salem district. The exact number of people affected by the acquisition is not known.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 246-247.